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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Applicants are informed that an extension of time may be not required since the response did in fact reach the Office although bearing the wrong caption. If incorrect, however, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978 -- a duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

On July 30, 2002, the Office made the claims of the above application subject to an election of species requirement. As understood by Applicants, the various species are those containing radicals R⁷, R⁸, and R⁹ where differentiation between species is the optional presence of O, N, S, or P heteroatoms in hydrocarbon groups which are replacement groups for radicals R⁷, R⁸, and R⁹.

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Applicants provisionally elect the species of O heteroatoms, with traverse. Traversal of the requirement is based on the concept that the option of the hydrocarbon groups containing O, N, S, or P heteroatoms is a unified concept which should not be made subject to election, and that the prior art search of the elected species should cover the non-elected species as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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